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VOLUME I of the 2nd Edition of the "EDKINS CATALOGUE OF UNITED STATES COAL COMPANY STORE SCRIP" has been received from the printer and more than 180 copies have been mailed to immbers who ordered them for their personal use.

More than 300 NSCA members live in states other than West Virginia. Since Volume I contains listings of 6600 pieces of coal scrip from 1415 companies in 895 towns in 32 states exclusive of West Virginia, there appears to be at least 120 members who have not sent an order for their catalog.

Now is the time to send in that order !! The Catalog Committee must sell an additional \$2,000.00 worth of books as soon as possible in order to have enough money to pay for the preparation and printing of Volume II, which will contain listings of more than 7400 pieces of West Virginia scrip.

Volume II (West Virginia) is in the final stages of preparation. It is expected to be in the printer's hands by June 15 - and hopefully will be ready for distribution before the October meeting in CumberIand Gap, Kentucky. At this time the selling price can not be determined. It, however, will have 354 pages of listings - as compared to 305 pages in Volume I, plus more than 100 pages of preface, photographs and index. This could add as much as 20% to the printing cost.

Eight members have purchased an additional 80 copies of Volume I in lots of ten to resell as book dealers or to use as a promotional device to obtain new members. Anyone who may be interested in competing for the annual Dodrill Membership Award could buy catalogs in lots of ten for \$18.00 each and sell them and a one year membership in NSCA to prospective members for \$34.00. Send the application and \$10.00 to the Secretary and pocket the \$6.00 profit - thus providing a good service to the new member, for NSCA, and for the Catalog Committee.

If you have not ordered your copy of Volume I (states other than West Virginia), or if you want to compete for the Dodrill Membership Award, use the convenient ORDER BLANK on this page - OR send any letter or post card with the same information to the NSCA Catalog Committee - P. O. Box 3015, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830 - at your earliest convenience. You can pay with your order or when you receive the shipment.

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BY: Chuck Young

The earliest mine lighting was a simple wood fire, which could only be used where there was good ventilation. This was usually found only in a shallow mine. Later, miners found that a resinous pine knot could be used, with the splinter of wood attached to serve as a handle, or to be pushed into the wall.

The Romans commonly used cattails (the vegetable type) dipped in vegetable oils. Cattails were also used by early British miners and the Japenese used these up until 1890.

Sometime later, oil lamps came into use and miners were quick to adopt them. The earliest were made of clay, shaped like the socalled Roman lamp, a design which was used throughout the neareast. They burned either animal or vegetable oils; the vegetable oils giving less light but being less smoky. Typical of these lights was the Sicilian miners lamp, made of baked clay, unglazed, and burning olive oil common to the area. These lamps had a shallow lip to hold the cotton wick and were about two inches in diameter by one inch high.

Oil lamps assumed a wide variety of shapes. Mediterranean miners used the Roman style; first made of clay and later of metal. German miners used the Roman style squared-off at the top and bottom to make it easier to solder together. They added a metal cap, threaded for ease in filling and to prevent loss of oil when the lamp was tilted in use. The French miners used the same shape but rounded it off instead of using the square Teutonic appearance. This caused their lamps to be cast rather than made of flat pieces soldered together. Later, their lamps were also made of softer metals and hammered into shape. At an even later date, power presses were used to shape the top and bottom which were then soldered together.

Some areas of England used metal lamps looking somewhat like a short inkbottle attached to a spike which was driven into the wall or timbers. American miners preferred tin or brass lamps which looked like miniature coffee pots with hooks for attaching to their caps. These came in two sizes, the miners cap lamp and the drivers lamp. A drivers lamp was larger to hold twice as much oil, thus avoiding constant refilling but being too heavy and clumsy for use by the miners working prone in thin seams.

American miners usually used lard oil, lighting jack, or "Sunshine". These oil lamps came to be called "SUNSHINE LAMPS" in the Appalachians, after the brand name of a popular fuel. The fuel was a soft grade of paraffin with a low melting point. The heat of the lamp would melt the parrafin, by thrusting a nail (usually copper) down through the wick to carry heat down. One popular make of lamp used a steel rod mounted in the center of the wick with a loop extending up into the flame so as to gather more heat to melt the paraffin.

Kerosene was sometimes used as a fuel, but could only be used where ventilation was good as the smoke and smell would drive workers from the diggings in confined areas. During the Civil War, most mine companies allowed the miners 8 cents per day for oil. By 1905, it only cost 5 cents for a days supply of oil; then about only half the cost of candles or kerosene. Oil lamps and candles were still in use well after World War I.

In 1918, the Roman type of lamp was still in common use in Europe but its shape was consderably rounded off and it was using a smaller wick. Scotch and Saxon miners were now using a metal lamp, with oil or tallow for fuel. In Mons, Belgian miners were using an oblate metal lamp resting on a spike driven into the wall and burning vegetable fuels.

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THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MINER'S LAMP (Continued)

To go back to an earlier period, when candles came into use, miners were quick to use them, especially the Spanish miners. The South American mines later used candles almost exclusively due to the Spanish influence. They held the candles in a split stick which was shoved into a crack in the wall while working. The Cornish miners adopted the candle and stuck it in a gob of sticky clay to mount on the wall or on their caps. Saxon miners held their candles in a wooden lantern, sometimes using a sheet of mica as a windguard. Some of these also had crude reflectors behind the candles.

American miners held their candles in a spike metal holder, usually made by a local blacksmith. Designs varied widely. Often the spike was thin enough so that it could be used to make a hole in the end of a dynamite stick for the fuse. It also was a nasty type of weapon in a fight. American miners often used a wooden shield behind the candle. In the western states, candles were the preferred light source and were usua'ly mounted on the mine wall.

A sirange type of lighting was devised in 1750 by Carlisle Spedding that was used extensively in England. Called a "steel mill", it consisted of a thin steel disk equipped with gears and a crank. The disk was rotated rapidly and a flint was held against it producing a shower of sparks which lit the area, producing no smoke or

Perhaps the strangest mine lighting was the use of birds tied to a string and burned, probably some fatty sea birds. The records do not indicate the type of bird but they do mention that is stunk up the mine rather badly.

Some mines had constant problems with gas, either the explosive type or the type which would not support life. Safety lamps were devised to prevent explosions and/or detect gases. In 1812, Dr. Clanny of Newcastle made the first safety lamp which was tested in 1915. Sir Humphrey Davy made his lamp in 1816; followed by some hundred other inventors. Safety lamps have used oil, tallow, carbide, kerosene, etc. for fuels. The first electric safety lamp was made in eighteen-hundred-

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100 YEARS AGO IN CALIFORNIA: The quiet land that is now Black Diamond Mines Region Preserv. was, for almost 100 years, an active coal mining area.

In 1855 coal production began in what was to become California's largest coal mining development. Six towns grew up in this area, which was known as Carbondale Mstrict, and later became known as the Mount Diablo Mining District. It is situated in Contra Costa County. Nortonville and Somersville were the largest of the towns, each with about 1,000 population at the peak of the boom. More than a dozen major coal mines were developed. Central Coal Mine, Stewartville, 1884; Empire Coal Mine, Stewartville, 1880; Pittsburgh Coal Mine, Somersville, 1865; Black Diamond Coal Mine, Nortonville, 1870; and Star Mine, Stewartville, 1890 are a few of the larger mines.

Mining of three thin seams of commercial quality coal was difficult and dangerous. Miners worked with less then three feet of head room. They pushed the coal as much as 400 feet through these confined workings to the gangways, where the coal was loaded in cars. The cars were pushed by men or pulled by ponies as much as a mile

After coal was brought to the surface it was loaded on one of three railroads and transported to landings in the San Joaquin Rover. Boats carried the coal down river to San Francisco and up river to Stockton and Sacramento.

Coal then was a common fuel in homes, mills and for river steamers. By the time higher quality foreign and Washington Territory coal (plus increased mining costs) drove Mt. Diablo mines out of business, almost 4,000,000 tons of coal, valued at \$20,000,000. had been taken out of the mines.

The last coal mine in the area closed in 1902."

Editor's note: Who will be the one to find some token - metal or paper - that was used in or around these California operations ?? Jensen has the postals.. surely someone in the area can come up with scrip from these old mines !!

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The Cherry Mine Disaster

by Steve Stout

of Cherry, Illinois, awakened to unusually warm weather and routinely prepared for the coming day. More than 400 men and boys got dressed for work at the village's single industry—the St. Paul Coal Company. Two hundred fifty-nine miners would die in one of the worst mining disasters in the United States as a result of a fire which began in the tunnels that day.

The small town of Cherry lies in eastern Bureau County approximately 100 miles southwest of Chicago. After 1905, when mining experts and laborers arrived there to sink a shaft into the prairie, the village became a melting pot of nationalities including Italians, Germans, Austrians, Scotch and English. The mine was opened by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway which burned the coal in their steam engines.

The workers considered the Cherry mine a good one because it was well-equipped and the coal was easily mined. The facilities were one of the first mines in Illinois to have an electrical light system running through its tunnels.

Warren R. Roberts, contractor and consulting engineer who supervised the construction of the 90 foot-high steel tipple, proclaimed it, "the safest

responsible for the disaster, but the questionable acts of the men in charge.

In November of 1909, the mine was producine more than 1,600 tons of coal daily from two deep levels. The first vein, dug in 1905, was found to have no commercial value. Therefore, the company burrowed deeper to a more rewarding second vein at 320 feet underground. In August of 1908, a third level was opened, running almost 165 feet below the second vein. It was from the deeper vein that the highest quality of "black diamonds" was mined.

The miners worked in pairs and, as in mosmines of that era, father-son and brother-brother teams were common. Wages were paid on a scale set per ton of coal dug by each team. Because the largest of the coal veins ran only 40 to 50 inchewide, much more worthless rock and shale were hauled than coal. By 1909, Cherry miners averaged \$1.08 a ton, with a good day bringing five tons.

Each team of men dug from entries that burrowed from a main tunnel. Timber and natural pillars of earth served as supports for each worksite where miners shoveled coal into 6' by 3 wooden cars. These cars were then hauled by



Thursday night, November 18, Captain Kenny and his men made their first descent into the mine after temperatures subsided. Later, Kenny

reported to his superiors:

"From the base of the shaft, where we could see that the fire had spread along the entire surface of the main bottom and the east side, we began our battle with those sweeping flames. We were unable to get to the mule barn or pump room on account of the roaring flames. During this time the engine above was pumping water down the escape shaft. When they changed the fire hose to another tank of water, the flames rushed and, after two and one-half hours, we were forced to come up."

The Chicago firefighters reentered the blazing coal mine again during the next few days, pouring tons of water into the pit. By Saturday, November 20, it seemed the fire was under control, and the effort to recover bodies was resumed.

Meanwhile, the group of miners trapped below

in their barricaded chamber had no way to keep track of the passing time. Some of them were certain that any rescue attempts had missed them. Country that Saturday, four men decided that, if they didn't make a try at reaching help, they would surely perish. The wall of timber and stone was broken down and they crawled along the rocky floor of the tunnel, following the steel rails. Before long, they heard the sounds of a clean-up crew, who responded to their weak cries for help. Soon, all 21 miners were brought to the surface, their heads covered in canvas to protect them from the bright sunlight.

The rescued men were treated by a medical team in nearby railcars and then carried home in carriages. The oldest member of the group, Daniel Holafcak, refused assistance and stumbled home alone; he died two days later—the 259th and final

fatality of the disaster.

The clean-up of the mine works continued until the Spring of 1910. Mediators stepped in and a settlement was eventually reached that gave approximately \$1,800 to every family whose bread-

winner had been killed.

The horror prompted the Illinois General Assembly to enact stronger regulations for both mine workers and mine owners. In legislation of 1910 and 1911, new requirements were made for fire-fighting equipment and certification test were developed for hoisting engineers and other key workers. Funds were also appropriated for additional mine rescue stations. Those measures were followed in 1911 by a liability act, which became the basis of the Illinois Workmen's Compensation Act.

The Cherry mine was reopened in the latter part of 1910, after a major overhaul. The company ran successfully until 1927 with some of the same miners working who had survived the fire disaster. At that time the mine closed, as northern coal fields could no longer compete with the mechanized mines of the South, in which the ore was closer to the surface and had a lower sulfur content.

Today, only the reddish slag piles stand like mountains on the plains to mark the location of the once-busy Cherry mine. The giant tipple and the rest of the above-ground works have been removed and the yard has been converted to farmland. Cherry itself was thought doomed to extinction after the mine closed, but the village now has a population of 500, most of whom work outside the community.

For years after the disaster, on the anniversary of the tragedy, November 13, citizens of Cherry paid homage to their dead with a march from the site of the mine yard to the Cherry Miners Memorial Cemetery, where most of the victims were buried. But, as the memory of that day passed with time, so did interest in the yearly observances. The processions have faded.



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- 20. Strawn, TX, Strawn Coal Mining Company 2701A25- Br
- 21. Strawn, TX, Strawn Coal Mining Company 27018100 Al R7

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57. Gideon, MO, Gideon Anderson Lbr. & Merc. Co, 862A5, AL (UnL) (lots wear)

58. Arp, TX, Sessions Lumber & Supply Company, 136A100, Br, R7

59. Doucette, TX, (Thompson Bros Lbr Co) J.L. Thompson Sig, 972C50, AL R3 60. Grapeland, TX, Geo. W. Shaver, 1420A5, AL, R7

61. Trinity, TX, (Thompson Bros Lbr Co) H.H.Thompson Sig, 3470A100, AL, R3 (wee

62. (Honaker,) VA, Honaker Lumber Co, Incorporated, 1520A25, Br, R4

63. Hoquiam, WA, F.T. Lenfesty Dry Kiln, (UnL) AL 25¢

64. Artie, WV, Linus Williams, (Not listed) Br, 5¢

65. Bergoo, WV; Pardee & Curtin Lbr. Co, 186Bl, Br, R7

66. Dawes, WV, Dawes Mercantile Co (Albert Lbr Co) (UnL) 50¢ 67. Hugheston, WV, Hugheston Lumber Co, Inc, 1052A100 Br, R5

68. (Quinnimont) WV, M.E. Crisp Lumber Co, Inc, 1780Al, AL, R6

69. Weston, WV, Davis Lumber Co, 2304A10, NP, R3 70. Weston, WV, Davis Lumber Co, 2304A50, B1, R3

+++ COLONEL CALDWELL'S MAIL AUCTION SALE NO. 94 == CLOSING DATE: AUGUST 3, 1984 STARTING THE GREAT COLLECTION FROM VIRGINIA -- The owner is building a new home and needs some immediate money !! It's all here - no "cherry picking" has taken out the goodles 71. Adamville, AL -Tenn Coal & Iron - 23A1 -72. Birmingham, AL - Black Diamond Coal Mining - 277A5; A10; A25; A50 3. Cardiff, AL - Tombrello Coal Co. - 481B5 74. Coleanor, AL - Little Cahaba 631A1 75. Powhatan, AL - Franklin Coal Mining Co. - 2271B5c; A10; A25a; A50 - better check these. 76. Wylam, AL - Tenn. Coal & Iron 3103B10 MB \$8 77. Wylam, AL - Tenn. Coal & Iron -3103B50 - MB \$10 78. Wylam, AL - Tenn. Coal & Iron - 3103B5 - MB \$5 79. San Carlos, AZ - San Carlos Trading Enterprise - **SET 5¢ thru \$1 Owner paid \$12.50 0. Alamo, CO - The Alamo Mercantile Co. - 34A10 - MB \$8 1. Somerset, CO - W. S. Co. - MX14

82. Cokedale, CO - MX15 G/F 1 Stick Powder

Carbon, CO - Carbon Coal MX16 -MB \$4

84. Cokedale, CO - MX17 + G/F 25¢ Fuse MB \$3 15. Benton Frankfort IL - Youngs Merc. Co. - 223A5 thru A100 - **SET 86. (Energy, IL) - HurricaneCoal Store Co. - 941B5 - Dated 1915 pictorial - Owner paid \$45.00 for this fine token and has MB \$40. - if you like goodies grab this one - AU 37. Orient, IL - West Frankfort Merc 2133A100 88. West Frankfort IL W F Merc -2989A10 89. Tamaroa, IL - Tamaroa Store Co. 2748B25 90. Orient, IL - Orient Franklin Coal MX3 MB 91. Hymera, IN - Asbury & Walters - **SET 1374A5 thru A100 (5 pcs) 92. Washington, IN - Cabel & Kauffman - 2949A5; A10; A25; A50 - MB \$20 93. Everist, IO - The Everist Merc. Co. - 979A5; A10; A25; A50 - MB \$15 94. Ottumwa, IO - Black Diamond Store Company - 2149C25 - AU - R9 - MB \$15 95. Plover, IO - Plover Mercantile Co. - not deemed coal - was 2252A25; A50 - can you check the 96. Cedar Rapids, IO - Central Park Fuel Co. - MX8 - MX9 - MX11 (3 pcs) 97. Logansport, PA - Bethel Supply Co. - 1663A100 98. Hillside, PA - K. S. Co. - 2052A25; A50; A100 99. Martin, PA - Geneva Supply 1795A25; A100 100. Martin, PA - Geneva Supply - 1795A10 101. Osceola, PA - Leader Supply 2139A500
103. Madera, PA - Liberty Trading 1733D500
105. Madera, PA - Madera Trading 1733A1
107. Salem, PA - MX16 - G/F 3 sticks powder
108. Athol, KA - Feely Mercantile Company -128A500 now not deemed coal. who knows? 109. Coalvale, Kansas - Hal C. Cowan - **SET 617A5 thru A100 - al oval - MB \$50 110: Ransom, Kansas - Shellenberger & Dubbs - **SET MX1 thru MX5 - MB \$30 11. Velva, ND - Truax-Traer Coal Co. Inc. - 2891A5; B10b (spelling error -merchadise); A25; B50; B100 - MB \$40 (ED note: This is the first time this sp error has been called to my attention after all these collecting years!) 112. Carbon, OK - Carbon Coal 469A100 113. Dewar, OK - Seymour Co. 785A100 114. Hartshorne, OK - Riedt Stores 1249B50 115. Strawn, TX - Strawn Coal Mining 2701A100 116. Strawn, TX - Strawn Coal Mining Co. - 1900 - 2701A25 - MB \$10 117. Peerless, Utah - Peerless Store Co. 2196A500 - P cut - AU cond -118. Peerless, Utah - Peerless Store Co. - 2196A100 119. Castle Gate, Utah - Wasatch Store Co. - 507A5 120. Mohrland, Utah - Mohrland Merc MX10 - G/F One Exploder 121: Hiawatha, Utah - Carbon Emery Stores - MX16 - G/F 1 stick powder 122. Hiawatha, Utah - C.E.S. Co. - MX21 - G/F One Exploder 123. Carbon, Utah - C. E. S. Co. - MX24 - G/F One Exploder 124. Carbonado, WA - Canteen - 471A5

125. Carbonado, WA - PCC Co. - 471D10

126. Tono, WA - W.U.C. Co. - 2813 A5

127. RHODE ISLAND - Ephrian A. Hathaway - MX1 - MB \$8 (See Page 225 - new book) 128. NEW HAMPSHIRE - E. F. Sise & Co. -MX1 - MB \$10 (See Page 186 - new book) 129. Harwood, MO - J. W. Sharp Mercantile - **SET 5¢ thru \$1 - was 1257 - now not deemed on

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140. Bardo - Bowling Coal 155B100
141. Beaver Dam - Beaver Dam Coal Co. - 185B5 § B25 -NOTE: Only by participation by more members in the bid sales can we continue to bring you fine collectibles such as this Virginia collection !! We must be able to show the consignor a good return if good material is to be listed in future sales !! Check the lots and bid on them - the profits help to keep the SCRIP TALK bulletin coming your way !!. 142. Beech Creek - Kirk Mercantile 193E100 143. Black Joe - Harlan Fox - 287A5 144. Bland - R.C. Tway - 301A50 145. Blue Diamond - Blue Diamond Coal Co. -309Q500 - 1942 - MB \$10 · 146. Blue Diamond - Blue Diamond Coal -309L1a; F5; F10; F25; F50 (5 pcs) MB \$25 147. Bon Jellico - Bon Jellico 331A5; A10; A25; A50 (4 pcs) 148. Brookside - Harlan Collieries - 385A50; B5b; B10; B25c; B100b (5 pcs) MB \$15 149. Bulan - Ajax Coal - 409C10 150. Butterfly - Davis Collieries Co. Inc. - 427A10 - MB \$15. 151. Carbon Glow - Carbon Glow Coal 475D5 152. Cawood - Crummies Creek Coal Co. -**SET 511A5 thru A100 -153. Charleston - Felker Brothers Sixth Vein Mine - **SET, 525A5 thru A100 - (5 pcs) MB \$25 154. Charleston - Felker Brothers - 525A500 - MB \$15 - AU - got this \$5 ? - better check !! 156. Chavies - Johnson Supply Co. 535Cl 155. Chavies - Coneva Coal - 535A100 157. Chevrolet - Crown Coal Co. - 541A25 - MB \$10 - R8 158. Chevrolet - 541A50 - MB \$15 - R8 159. Chevrolet - 541A100 - MB \$15 - R9 160. Chevrolet - Blue Diamond Coal Co. - 541C100a 161. Coalgood - Mary Helen Coal -609A5 162. Crummies - Crummies CreekCoal - 705D1; B5; B10; A10; A50 (5 pcs) 163. Dawson Springs - Dawson Daylight Coal -753C1; B5; B10; A25; B50; B100 164. Diablocl 165. East Bernstadt - T. P. Watkins - 867C25 & C50 (2 pcs) 164. Diablock - Fourseam Coal - 787B25b 166. Evarts - Yocum Creek - 975H5; H25; H50 167. Evarts - Harcrow Mines - **SET 97515 thru I100 (5 pcs) 168. Field - Kentucky Ridge Coal - 1013B5; 169. Fonde - Clear Fork Coal Co. - 1041Cla; B10; B50; B100 B5; B10; B100 170. Four Mile - Belva Stores Co. # 1055D5; D10; D25; D100 - MB \$15 171. Fox Ridge - Coleman Mining - 1057A5; A10 fox pictorial - MB \$12 172. Garrett - Payne Baber Coal - 1089Al 173. Graham - W.G. Duncan Coal - 1157Al00 174. Lynn Camp - Lynn Camp Coal Co. - dated 1906 - al - pictorial coal car - MB \$15 1163A2 175. Gray - Parker Gray Coal - **SET 1163B5 thru B100 (5 pcs) -This Virginia collection will be continued in the next sale so don't miss out on getting your share of these goodies!! All are very collectible tokens and are sure to improve your collection !!

*TERMS OF SALE ..

- ALL BIDS ARE BY LOT LISTED. NO LOT CAN BE BROKEN.
- 2. BIDS WILL BE ENTERED AS RECEIVED AND LOTS SOLD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER. IN EVENT OF TIE BIDS, POSTMARK WILL BE USED TO AWARD THE LOT.
- 3. NO CHARGE WILL BE MADE FOR EXECUTING BIDS, HOWEVER, COST OF POSTAGE AND INSURANCE WILL BE ADDED TO THE BILL OF SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS.
- 4. BIDS FROM MINORS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.
- 5. ALL SALES ARE STRICTLY FOR CASH. PERSONAL CHECKS ARE ACCEPTABLE WITH IDENTIFICATION AND/OR REFERENCES.
- 6. REMITTANCE IS TO BE MADE IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF TOKENS OR NOTIFICATION OF SUCCESSFUL BIDS. WE MUST PAY OUR CONSIGNORS PROMPTLY AFTER EACH SALE.
- 7. NO BUY BIDS ARE ACCEPTED. NO TELEPHONE BIDS ARE TAKEN. WE WANT EACH COLLECTOR TO HAVE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN THE LISTED TOKENS.
- 8. ITEMS WILL BE DESCRIBED TO BEST OF OUR ABILITY. IF
 AN ERROR IN DESCRIPTION IS FOUND, PLEASE ADVISE AND
 WE WILL GLADLY ADJUST. WE CANNOT, HOWEVER, ASSUME
 RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR ERRORS.
- 9. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO WITHDRAW LOTS FROM THE SALE DUE TO LISTING ERRORS. TOO, WE DO NOT KNOWINGLY LIST RESTRUCK OR COUNTERFEIT ITEMS UNLESS NOTED IN THE LOT DESCRIPTION.
- 10. REQUESTS TO RETURN LOTS MUST BE MADE WITHIN 5 DAYS OF RECEIPT ONLY IF ERROR IN DESCRIPTION OR LISTING IS FOUND.

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TO THE TERMS OF SALE AS PRINTED ON THIS BID SHEET. I AM OF LEGAL AGE. I AGREE TO PAY PROMPTLY UPON RECEIPT OF INVOICE AND OR THE TOKENS, PLUS COST OF POSTAGE AND INSURANCE.

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